

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26-33, 35 and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 19-24 and 26-30 are rejected. Claim 31 is objected to. Claims 12, 22, and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-24, 26-30, 32-33, 35 and 36 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Now new subject matter has been added.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 32, 33, 35 and 36 have been allowed.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 12 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112***

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The antecedent basis problem associated with claim 12 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101***

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 19-24, 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner in discussing these rejections on the phone on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 19-24, 26-27 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner and should therefore be allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 10-11, 13, 19-21 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benveniste (US 20020163933), hereinafter "Benveniste", in view of Ho (US 69700422), hereinafter "Ho".

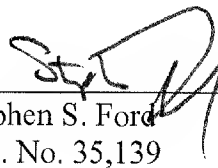
The limitations of dependant claims 12, 22, and 31 have been included in parent independent claims 10, 19, and 28. Accordingly, claims 10-11, 13, 19-21 and 28-30 should all be allowable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

### CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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